RESULTS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING March 19, 2014

The meeting was televised by Amherst Community Television and shown on the Government Channel.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James W. Pistrang at 7:12 p.m. There were 243 town meeting members. 122 checked in and a quorum was declared. The call and return of the warrant was read by Town Clerk, Sandra J. Burgess.

ARTICLE 1. Special Act – Minimum Wage (Cunningham-Cook, et al) VOTED TO DISMISS

[To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court, in compliance with clause (1), Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments of the Constitution, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows. The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill.

"An act allowing the Town of Amherst to mandate employers of more than 50 employees compensate their employees at a rate of no less than \$15.00 per hour."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in the General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Amherst may regulate wages paid by employers of more than 50 employees within Town Limits, including but not necessarily limited to establishing a minimum wage of \$15 per hour.

Section 2. The Town of Amherst may adopt reasonable policies for enforcement, including fines up to \$500 per day per employee for noncompliance.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to dissolve at 7:50 p.m. on March 19, 2014. 153 town meeting members were checked in.

Attest: Sandra J. Burgess Town Clerk